Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 26 Apr 2022 until 23:59 on Wednesday 27 Apr 2022

Forecast Issued on Monday 25 Apr 2022 at 15:38 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally settled weather for the forecast period with high pressure over Scotland but cloud amounts remain tricky to forecast.

Headline for Tuesday 26 Apr 2022: A cloudy start to the day, cloud thinning with some bright spells later.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 26 Apr 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Dull	Dull	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%

Forecast for Tuesday 26 Apr 2022

Weather: Low cloud and some mist overnight, cloud becoming thick enough to possibly produce a few snow flurries above 700m, likely to be drizzle below this height. By dawn it will be quite dull with a lot of cloud but this will slowly lift and thin with some bright spells by late morning. Some areas may see the cloud breaking quite nicely, perhaps around Knoydart and Skye, to give a bright or sunny day but cloud will be more persistent for other ranges which have more exposure to the northerly winds, for instance the Ben More Assynt, summits will clear but cloud may not break very easily.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50% improving to 90%, some low cloud in the early morning will lift and thin during the day.

Low cloud and visibility: At dawn cloud bases will be scattered or broken above 600m, perhaps more scattered at 700m further south and west of the area towards Knoydart and Glenfinnan. Cloud will lift and clear with just patches of lower cloud around the Northern hills like Ben Hope above 700m in the afternoon. Skye may see very little lower cloud at any time.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	21/28 E	15/20 E	12/17 E	12/17 E	11/17 E	11/17 E	13/20 E	14/21 E	13/19 E
900	21/28 E	15/20 E	13/18 E	12/18 E	11/17 E	12/18 E	14/21 E	15/22 E	14/19 E
600	13/20 E	10/15 E	9/15 E	10/16 E	10/15 E	10/17 E	12/19 E	13/20 E	12/17 E
300	8/19 E	7/14 E	7/13 E	8/15 E	7/15 E	8/16 E	10/18 E	9/17 E	8/16 E
Glen	11/21 E	9/16 NE	9/15 E	10/16 E	8/14 E	8/14 E	10/17 E	13/19 E	11/15 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-0/-7	-1/-6	-1/-6	-0/-5	1/-3	2/-2	2/-4	-1/-6	-1/-7
900	0/-6	0/-5	0/-5	1/-4	2/-2	3/-1	2/-2	0/-5	-1/-6
600	3/-2	3/-1	3/-1	4/-0	5/2	6/3	5/1	3/-1	2/-2
300	5/2	4/2	5/2	7/4	9/7	10/8	8/6	5/2	3/-0
Glen	7/4	7/4	7/4	10/8	12/10	13/11	11/9	8/5	6/3
Freezing Level*	900m	1000m	900m	900m	900m	1000m	900m	800m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Notice the lowering of freezing level allowing some light snowfall around northerly munro summits and also the freezing of any remaining snow pack, leading to potentially icy conditions. A significant windchill will be experienced at height and it may be deceptively warm in the sunshine at lower levels.

Forecast for Wednesday 27 Apr 2022

Weather: A cool start to the day but generally a very settled day with very light winds. Bright or sunny spells are expected but it may be a cloudy start particularly around the northern ranges again.

Maximum wind: Variable 5-10 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70 rising to 90%, any early low cloud is likely to lift and clear away.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud above 700m initially will lift and become patchy, perhaps just patches of cloud around 800m in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero rising to Plus 10 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 1 rising to Plus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: 700m rising to 1200m later.

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